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Title : CLAMPING DEVICE FOR MACHINE TOOLS

## Mail Stop Patent Application

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicant requests that the enclosed references cited on attached form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

Please note that the Japanese reference (Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-263358) discussed on page 1 of the specification is submitted herewith. Please also note that U.S. Patent No. 6,349,626 is an English language counterpart of this cited Japanese reference.

This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the above references and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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